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Another Record of a Mountain Sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) from Nebraska

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While recently working over the mammal collection of the University of Nebraska Department of Zoology the writer came across a hitherto unreported skull and horn cores of a mountain sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) from Nebraska. The specimen, an adult male, was picked up near Hay Springs, Sheridan County in 1883 by Louis Sessions, pioneer Nebraska naturalist. Mr. Sessions gave the specimen to Myron H. Swenk, then state entomologist, who in turn presented it to the departmental collection. This is the third known report of the mountain sheep in Nebraska.

G. B. Grinnell (American Big Game and Its Haunts, p. 270-340, 1904) reports that Major Frank North saw a mountain sheep in 1877 on Birdwood Creek in northwestern Lincoln County but, armed only with a revolver, did not attempt to kill it. Grinnell states that the animal stood within 100 yards of Major North and "was plainly seen and certainly recognized." Harold J. Cook (Journ. Mamm., vol. 12, no. 2, p. 170-171, 1931) reports finding the skull and horns of a large male mountain sheep in the hills of the lower Harrison formation, 23 miles south of Agate, Sioux County. He also reports the finding of remains in northern Sioux County and at "Spoon Butte" on the Nebraska-Wyoming border.

The newly discovered specimen, number 186 in the departmental collection, compares favorably with the description of the badlands mountain sheep, *Ovis canadensis auduboni* Merriam, and has been referred to that race.

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